

NEWS AND VIEWS

Mothering Sunday: We congratulate all mothers on this day. We are proud of our awesome mothers in St Gabriel's Church. We are eternally grateful for your generosity in happily accepting to be the vessels through which God brought us to life. You mean the world to us and we remain loyal to the end. There'll be flowers for all mothers at the end of the Masses

Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday 28th Weekend Masses as usual: NO PALM

PROCESSION. Palms will be blessed before Mass and received as we exit the Church at the end of Mass.

Tuesday 30th 12noon Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

7pm Penitential Service/Confessions (Guest Priests would be available).

Maundy Thursday 1st April 8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper.

There will be **Renewal of Commitment by Eucharistic Ministers & Readers** at this Mass.

NO NIGHT WATCH.

Good Friday 2nd 3:00pm & 7pm Celebration of the Lord's

Passion: Services begin with Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday 3rd 7pm Easter Vigil Mass. NO CEREMONY OF THE LIGHT. Mass begins inside the Church with

Easter Proclamation.

Easter Sunday 4th Masses at 9am & 11:30am. NO EVENING MASS

First Holy Communion dates: Mar. 14th, 28th, April 18th, 25th,

May 9th, 22nd, 23rd, June 6th, 13th, 20th, 26th (Reconciliation & rehearsals), 27th (Celebration of 1st Holy Communion at 3pm)

Live-streamed Masses via ZOOM/Facebook on Weekdays at 7pm: We have successfully started this for our spiritual nourishment even while we are at home or at work. It is also very easy to join the Mass through Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/ArchwayParish/> Online Stations of the Cross will be at 6.30pm on

Fridays followed by the Mass at 7pm. God bless you as you join us. The Mass will be quiet, prayerful and in 25 minutes. **Zoom link for weekday evening Masses @ 7pm GMT beginning Monday 8th March,** is below; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921527142?pwd=L05jUHk4QWovWVQzSVpkNkZ3SGl3dz09> Meeting ID: 859 2152 7142 Passcode: 071411

Parish Website: Our new parish website is up and running, please visit it and make observations. We would like to thank Florian for seeing this through. Visit us at www.stgabes.uk

Planned Giving Envelopes: The few envelopes are ready for collection after every Mass from Sunday **21st March.** For more updates, please speak with the Parish office team.

Christian Stewardship: (7th March 2021)

Envelopes: £121 Loose: £397.86. We also receive £520 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

March Diary

Fridays of Lent: **Stations of the Cross** at 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am. Online Stations/Mass @ 7pm

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NICODEMUS	SERPENT	DESERT
LIFE	CONDEMN	SAVED
REFUSES	SENTENCE	LIGHT
DARKNESS	EVIL	TRUTH



We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



Mothers have taught us with faithful words of instruction:
To Value A Job Well Done: "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
Time Travel: "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
Logic: "Because I said so, that's why."
Foresight: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
Irony: "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."
Osmosis: "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
Stamina: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
Weather: "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
Hypocrisy: "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
Behaviour Modification: "Stop acting like your father!"
Envy: "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
Anticipation: "Just wait until we get home."
Receiving: "You are going to get it when you get home!"
Medical Science: "If you don't stop rolling your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."
How to become an adult: "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
Genetics: "You're just like your father."
Wisdom: "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
Justice: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you"



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+ 4th Sunday of Lent Time
14th March 2021

We welcome all to today's Mass, especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Tough Love

The readings of this Sunday touch on the most important theme in the Bible – the divine love – that God is love. We can think of three types of love; romantic love such as that between a man and woman, fellowship love such as that between members of a club that share common interest, and sacrificial love such as the love that make people donate their organs even to strangers. In romantic love we receive, in fellowship love we give and receive, in sacrificial love we give without expecting returns. God's love for us is sacrificial. While we get and forget, God gives and forgives. One of the greatest mistakes of judgement we make is projecting our ways unto God. For instance, we tend to fall in and out of love, hence we may see God in the same light. We can be unreliable in love but God isn't because God is love. That might appear contrary to the biblical image whereby God appears happy at one moment and enraged at another. Behind God's 'rage' however is His love, His passion to set things right. It is like the anger of a father at his misbehaving child; it doesn't mean hatred, it implies passionate desire for the child to improve. Hence, as noted from the First Reading, God consistently showed His love for His unfaithful Israel through a sustained supply of prophets to admonish them lest they self-destruct. But Israel would mock and despise the messengers of God; a case of love offered, and love refused. Sometimes, to fix a broken limb, more bones are broken. Thus came the destruction of the city and the Temple, and Israel's seventy years of exile in Babylon. In narrating these ordeals, the Chronicler doesn't see it as God withdrawing His love but, rightly, as a long and steady cleansing and purification of Israel to bring them to their best. How do we read calamities in our own lives? Are these meaningless sufferings or signs that God has abandoned us? No! Through them, God usually draws our attention. In the fullness of time, the God of sacrificial love who consistently gives in love, gave all in Christ. In Christ, God emptied himself, hanging naked on the cross, His hands now fixed in an everlasting embrace of all peoples of all times. The cross is the sign of God's loving power. We are strengthened when, in our trials and weaknesses, we are united to Christ's cross. Thus, as the Gospel notes, Jesus is prefigured in Moses, who, at God's instruction, lifted up the bronze serpent in the desert so that anyone who had been bitten by the invading serpents and looked up at the bronze serpent recovered. In other words, as the Gospel affirms, no one who entrusts themselves to God in faith can be condemned.

Mass Times & Intentions

14th – 20th March 2021

Sat 13th Vigil 6:30pm: Geraldine Young (RIP), Sharon Gaudio (ANN), Jean Gaffney, Margaret Togher (INT)

Sun 14th 9:00am: Ivy Coelho, Janet Coelho, Frances Moss, Muriel Roberts, Mary Zandre (Felicity) (RIP), Renée Evans, Sylvia Coelho, Erna Joy, Rosemary Hill, Lynne Haslam, Rita Rawlings (INT)

11:30am: Mary Slattery, Pat Quinn, Bridie Redmond, Tess McNaney, Maureen Cleary, Patricia Etim-Bassey, Breda McGowan (RIP), Agnes & Michael Heneghan (ANN), Glackin family, Elizabeth Bruno & family, Gaskin family, Clare Murphy, Jean Gaffney, Peggy Forkan (get well), Mary Doherty (get well) (INT)

6:30pm: Mary Bridget Mullan, Mary Hannon, Michael O'Brien (RIP), Teresa Connolly, Peter Welch, Tony Lakach (INT)

Mon 15th 9:30am: Kate & John Togher, Mattie Dowd, Ger Flanagan, Mattie Foy, Francis Tayler, Lorraine Beach, Siobhan Tayler (RIP), Kitty Carroll (ANN), Jean Gaffney, Bridie O'Connor (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**

Tue 16th 9:30am: Joe Brickley, Mary Duffy (RIP), Miriam Mayne (ANN), Jean Gaffney (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**

Wed 17th St. Patrick 9:30am: Michael J. Togher, Josie Amooty (ANN), Amy Abetianbe (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**

Thur 18th St. Cyril of Jerusalem 9:30am: Mary Duffy, Bridie Redmond (RIP) **7:00pm (Online)**

Fri 19th St. Joseph 9:00am: Stations of the Cross followed by Mass: Sr. Josephine Grimes (ANN), Paani Dias & family, Mary & PJ O'Neill (INT)

6:30pm (Online) Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

Sat 20th 9:30am: Patricia Etim-Bassey (RIP), Philip & Tunu Etim-Bassey, Ekanem & Uche Ekanem (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Anne Quinlan, Ann Larkin, Philip O'Connor, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Rebecca Ononogbo, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozvatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Maria Cecile Perine, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Caroline de Vasconcellos, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Diane Sewell, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Special intention, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Fr Kevin, Paani Dias, Anonymous

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Parish Priests: Fr. Dr Ugo Ikwuka CSSp, Fr. Benedict Baka CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat. 11.30am & 6pm, **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary:** Sun.

10.30am, **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 9.30am – 10.45pm. **Legion of Mary:** First Wed.

6.30pm, **Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING 2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 136)

R. **O let my tongue cleave my mouth if I remember you not!**

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs,

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our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said 'one of Zion's songs.'

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O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?

If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

R.

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

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SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

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GOSPEL John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm

Sun. 9.00am

Sun. 11.30am

Sun. 6.30pm

Readers

Jeanette Fayers

Rachel McGonigal

Mark Renner

Tracey Shevlin

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers/Bernie S

Gabriel Essien-Oku / Essien Ekpenyong-Oku

Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh

Precious Ohiambe

FEAST OF THE WEEK



St Patrick

Feast Day: 17th March

St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain. When he about fourteen, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. Aged about twenty, he escaped after having had a dream in which he was told by God to leave Ireland by going to the coast. Some sailors took him back to Britain and he was reunited with his family. A few years later, Patrick had a vision which prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained as a priest and later as a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Slane, Ireland on 25 March 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many people. He began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity, and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing his message. He preached and converted all of Ireland over 40 years and worked many miracles. After years of living in poverty, travelling and enduring much suffering, he died 17 March 461, at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. Irish bishops in Nigeria named St. Patrick, as the country's patron in 1961, the same year Ireland opened its embassy in Lagos. In the early 1920s, Irish priests of the Order of the Holy Ghost established their mission in southern Nigeria.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,

We bless You,

We adore you,

We glorify You,

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

He descended into hell;

on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of Saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting. Amen.

Key Notes:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Percy Aggett (Temporary) 02077989350 **Email:** tollingtonparksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

- Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.
- There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children's Liturgy, Catechism and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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